

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2602 - HB 2889

February 27, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that no court shall have jurisdiction over a civil action brought by a private individual for filing a false claim if the action is brought against a government official, governing body or political subdivision based on an employment decision. Provides that no court shall have jurisdiction over a civil action brought by a private individual against someone for filing a false claim if at the time the action is brought the state or political subdivision that is the subject of the false claim has undertaken an action to recover funds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes provisions limit liability of governmental entities with regards to employment decisions resulting in false claims. Such limited liability could reduce associated state and local government expenditures.

In addition, some decrease in cases in the court system, which will result in a decrease in state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and a decrease in state and local government revenues from fees, taxes and costs not levied or collected. However, this estimate assumes instances affected by the provisions of the bill will be rare and any decreases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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